

\$20,000 IS VOTED WHITMAN INQUIRY; HE MAY ASK MORE

Mayor Says Aye, and Only
Opposition Comes From
Private Citizen.

LEGAL BARRIER ASKED

Mrs. Claussen Threatens to
Tie Up Appropriation
With Injunction.

NEW PROBING FOR GRAFT

Steinbrink Turns Over Big
Mass of Evidence Full of
Possibilities.

The Board of Estimate, sitting yesterday as its committee on finance, voted to give District Attorney Swann the \$20,000 he requested for the expenses of ex-Gov. Whitman's graft investigation. This will be enough for the present, but more will be needed eventually, judging from the way the inquiry is developing.

For two hours yesterday Mr. Whitman went over, with Meier Steinbrink, evidence which Mr. Steinbrink has gathered as special counsel to the Board of Estimate in its review of city contracts. He regards it as seriously reflecting the conduct of certain members of the Street Cleaning and two other departments. He described the contents of brief cases which he submitted to Mr. Whitman as "a mass of concrete facts which in my opinion warrant investigation, which may upturn crime in some city department and which I want Mr. Whitman to examine with a view to determining whether or not the facts spell out a crime." Mr. Steinbrink said he would place other papers, including a stenographic record, in Mr. Whitman's hands to-day.

New Graft Game Rumored.

Meanwhile Mr. Whitman and his assistants, continuing their scrutiny of the Police Department, have rounded up information pointing toward two inspectors and two captains in addition to the two captains, Bailey and DuBois, already under indictment. One of the inspectors and one of the captains are being investigated on the theory that they have received some of the money paid to the police by business men for protection during strikes. The others are involved, in the belief of the investigators, in another sort of graft, spoken of in the Criminal Court Building as "shooting at the kale from a new angle. One of the rumor experts said that still another line of research "led to one of the men at Police Headquarters." Mr. Whitman would not admit this and indicated that he was not certain that he had anything in shape for another appearance before the Grand Jury in the next few days. Unofficial prophecy that an inspector and a captain were likely to be mentioned before the Grand Jury within a week received no substantiation from him.

Following the sending to Mr. Whitman of the assertions made in a Grand Jury investigation in Mineola that a gang of automobile thieves centering in New York is distributing stolen machines to many parts of the country, the United States Department of Justice has shown a more than casual interest in the automobile phase of the Whitman inquiry. The Government, it is understood, has offered to cooperate with the county authorities in trying to smother this traffic. Mr. Whitman has evidence that members of the Police Department have been working with private detective agencies in sequestering stolen cars and holding them for adequate rewards, which the police and the agencies share equally. Apparently an essential link is lacking for the charges which were expected to produce indictments have not yet been communicated to the Grand Jury.

Yesterday's approval by the finance committee of a \$20,000 special revenue bond issue for the support of the Whitman investigation will probably be ratified by the Board of Estimate on Friday, unless Mrs. Ida Claussen, who is trying to get an injunction, prevails. Ratification by the Aldermen is unnecessary, as the resolution for a bond issue is drawn under the section of the charter empowering the Board of Estimate to vote bonds when the need is certified by the District Attorney.

Hylan Votes for Appropriation.
Mayor Hylan voted for the resolution in the committee meeting, along with President Curran of Manhattan Borough, who offered the motion; President La Guardia of the Aldermen, and Francis X. Sullivan, acting President of Queens. The representatives of Bronx, Brooklyn and Richmond did not vote. President Riegelmann of Brooklyn explained that he had no opportunity to study the matter.

Mrs. Claussen, who is trying to have Mr. Swann, Mr. Whitman and many others confined in the Bastille for high crimes and misdemeanors, went to the hearing with her attorney, Louis Cohen. Mr. Cohen said that if Mr. Swann got \$20,000 he might want \$500,000 later on. He suspected "a nigger in the woodpile" and asked to have him dragged out. He said the appropriation should wait a while, as the Legislature was going to send a "smelling committee" to New York. Mrs. Claussen, when the hearing went against her, said she would get an injunction.

Justice George V. Mullan said in the Supreme Court in The Bronx yesterday that he would send to Gov. Whitman a transcript of the testimony taken before him in the divorce case of William Schwenk of 283 East 167th street against Mrs. Schwenk. The star witness was Detective Sergeant Joseph J. O'Leary of the East Fifty-first street station. The Justice said of him:

"In my opinion this policeman either used his office for pay or 'pull'—otherwise, without using his shield he would not have been admitted to the house."

O'Leary testified that he accompanied Schwenk and the latter's brother, Gustav, to a house in East Sixtieth street, where they found Mrs. William Schwenk and Charles Pettler of 401 East Fifty-fifth street. O'Leary said he had been invited to go because William Schwenk had a gun and his brother feared he might use it. Gustav Schwenk is manager of Hupfel's brewery, 181st street and St. Ann's avenue.

Justice Mullan reserved decision pending further investigation.

YOUTH HELD AS SLAYER OF PHILADELPHIA GIRL

Her Father Charges Him
With Fatal Shooting.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.—Charles Edwin King, 21 years old, was arrested today charged with the killing of Arline May Stout, 17-year-old high school girl, who was found dead in her room October 19 with a bullet wound in her shoulder. The warrant for the arrest, sworn out by Freeman M. Stout, the girl's father, charges King with homicide. King was arrested in Bristol and brought to this city.

King declared he was innocent. He said he had been with the girl the afternoon before her death, but had left her early and had heard of the shooting at Bristol the following day.

Miss Stout was found on a couch by her father. She was clad in a night dress. An army revolver which Stout kept in a desk drawer in the hallway lay beside her, with one cartridge discharged.

SUIT TO BAR ENRIGHT PENSION IS PLANNED

Citizens Union Behind Action
to Be Brought by W. J.
Schieffelin, Taxpayer.

The Citizens Union announced yesterday that its executive committee has approved a proposal that a taxpayer's action be begun by William Jay Schieffelin, chairman of the committee, to restrain Richard E. Enright, Police Commissioner, from taking the \$3,750 pension which he granted himself when he retired as lieutenant recently. The union also made it known that it will ask the Legislature to repeal the special act under which Commissioner Enright retired. Enright on one-half an increased salary for the Chief Inspector "which Mr. Enright himself obtained from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment."

Dr. Schieffelin's counsel, Leonard M. Weinstein, will contend in court that the special act is effective to accomplish the purpose intended by the Hylan administration, the committee's statement says.

"The Citizens Union opposed the special act when it was before the Legislature and will this year endeavor to have it repealed because it is a special privilege legislation of the most objectionable kind."

"Though the amount of money involved is comparatively small, the Citizens Union approved the proposed litigation of the Enright pension, not only because it believes that an important principle is involved but also because it regards this as an attempted pension grab, which is but typical of the whole attitude of the whole Hylan police administration in misusing the prestige and power of public office for private advantage of favorites."

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SLAYER MUST STAND TRIAL.

Jersey Judge Refuses to Let Ober-
son Off With Life Term.

Justice Parker in the Supreme Court at Hackensack refused to permit Cyrus Oberson to enter a plea of non vult and receive a life sentence for the murder of Patrolman John Ritter at Ridgefield Park December 7. The motion was argued before the Justice by Oberson's attorneys, William D. Lorenzo and Peter McGinnis.

The trial of Oberson and William Gleason, also charged with the murder, was postponed until February 21. Patrick Henry Maley, counsel for Gleason, said his client would not be allowed to plead guilty to anything more serious than assault and battery.

FIRE PROVES SPECTACLE.

Fanned by a strong northeast wind, a fire that started last night in a three story brick building at 2, 4 and 6 Tompkins street, occupied by Kregel & Zimmernann, dealers in shoddy, spread to the rear of three buildings on Grand street and did damage estimated at \$20,000 before it was put out. The blaze lighted up the East River waterfront and proved a spectacle for thousands of persons who were traveling to Brooklyn across the Williamsburg Bridge. Two alarms were sounded, which brought the fireboats William L. Strong and Abram S. Hewitt to the scene.



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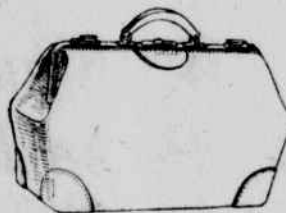
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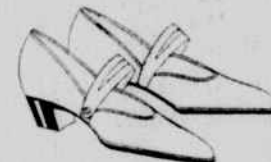
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